

**1. There are two different due dates mentioned in the document for the RFI response submission: Oct. 1, 2010 and Oct. 21st, 2010. Which is the right one?**

A. Addressed. The RFI typo was corrected. The due date is October 21, 2010.

**2. Will you be accepting RFI submissions prepared by a *consortium* of companies, each offering complementary IP management skills? If so, does one company need to take the lead and provide the submission under its name?**

A. There should be a lead, whether it's with the Consortium, or with another entity.

**3. Would NASA be amenable to commercialization (via licensing or selling of patents) in Europe? In any other regions outside the US?**

A. This RFI is primarily focused on NASA's U.S. patent portfolio. In cases where NASA owns a foreign patent, licensing in those foreign jurisdictions will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

**4. Will NASA set up access to its portfolio where potential RFI respondents can get a feel for the technologies it covers?**

A. NASA has no plans to provide such access for this RFI.

**5. Can NASA provide any general information about the number of patents/patent applications in the total portfolio, or about the average age of the patent portfolio?**

A. NASA has about 900 active patents and about 400 pending patent applications available for licensing (i.e., not already exclusively licensed). We estimate the average age of the portfolio to be around 5-6 years. We have had about 900 patents issue over that past 11 years and we don't normally pay third maintenance fees (required to maintain a patent past 12 years) if the patent is not already licensed, in active license discussions, or part of a larger portfolio with commercial potential. So the average age is probably around half way between 0 and 11 years.

**6. When does NASA anticipate issuing the actual RFP and what will be the commercialization period covered by the RFP?**

A. NASA plans to issue an RFP on this topic in the December, 2010-January, 2011 timeframe. NASA has not yet determined the precise time period the RFP will cover. NASA will shape the RFP based on the information it receives from the RFI.

**7. Does the non-exclusive nature of this project mean that several IP service providers will be given access to the same patents at the same time?**

A. NASA has not made a final determination at this time on the issue of access. This question will be addressed before the RFP is issued.